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To reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works  
and Economic Development Act of 1965.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the  
Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Economic Development  
5       Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.**

3 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
4 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
5 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other  
6 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to  
7 a section or other provision of the Public Works and Eco-  
8 nomic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.).

9 **TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

10 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

11 Section 2 (42 U.S.C. 3121) is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **“SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

14 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

15 “(1) There continue to be areas experiencing  
16 chronic high unemployment, underemployment, out-  
17 migration, and low per capita incomes, as well as  
18 areas facing sudden and severe economic dislocations  
19 due to structural economic changes, changing trade  
20 patterns, certain Federal actions (including environ-  
21 mental requirements that result in the removal of  
22 economic activities from a locality), and natural dis-  
23 asters.

24 “(2) Economic growth in our Nation, States,  
25 cities, and rural areas is produced by expanding eco-  
26 nomic opportunities, expanding free enterprise

1 through trade, developing and strengthening public  
2 infrastructure, and creating a climate for job cre-  
3 ation and business development.

4 “(3) The goal of Federal economic development  
5 programs is to raise the standard of living for all  
6 citizens and increase the wealth and overall rate of  
7 growth of the economy by encouraging communities  
8 to develop a more competitive and diversified eco-  
9 nomic base by—

10 “(A) creating an environment that pro-  
11 motes economic activity by improving and ex-  
12 panding public infrastructure;

13 “(B) promoting job creation through in-  
14 creased innovation, productivity, and entrepre-  
15 neurship; and

16 “(C) empowering local and regional com-  
17 munities experiencing chronic high unemploy-  
18 ment and low per capita income to develop pri-  
19 vate sector business and attract increased pri-  
20 vate sector capital investment.

21 “(4) While economic development is an inher-  
22 ently local process, the Federal Government should  
23 work in partnership with public and private local, re-  
24 gional, tribal, and State organizations to maximize  
25 the impact of existing resources and enable regions,

1 communities, and citizens to participate more fully  
2 in the American dream and national prosperity.

3 “(5) In order to avoid duplication of effort and  
4 achieve meaningful, long-lasting results, Federal,  
5 State, tribal, and local economic development activi-  
6 ties should have a clear focus, improved coordina-  
7 tion, a comprehensive approach, and simplified and  
8 consistent requirements.

9 “(6) Federal economic development efforts will  
10 be more effective if they are coordinated with, and  
11 build upon, the trade, workforce investment, trans-  
12 portation, and technology programs of the United  
13 States.

14 “(b) DECLARATIONS.—In order to promote a strong  
15 and growing economy throughout the United States, Con-  
16 gress declares the following:

17 “(1) Assistance under this Act should be made  
18 available to both rural- and urban-distressed com-  
19 munities.

20 “(2) Local communities should work in partner-  
21 ship with neighboring communities, the States, In-  
22 dian tribes, and the Federal Government to increase  
23 their capacity to develop and implement comprehen-  
24 sive economic development strategies to alleviate eco-

1        nomic distress and enhance competitiveness in the  
2        global economy.

3            “(3) Whether suffering from long-term distress  
4        or a sudden dislocation, distressed communities  
5        should be encouraged to support entrepreneurship to  
6        take advantage of the development opportunities af-  
7        forded by technological innovation and expanding  
8        newly opened global markets.”.

9    **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

10        (a) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—Section 3(4)(A) (42  
11 U.S.C. 3122(4)(A)) is amended—

12            (1) by striking clause (i) and redesignating  
13        clauses (ii) through (vii) as clauses (i) through (vi),  
14        respectively; and

15            (2) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated) by insert-  
16        ing “, including a special purpose unit of a State or  
17        local government engaged in economic or infrastruc-  
18        ture development activities,” after “State”.

19        (b) REGIONAL COMMISSIONS.—Section 3 (42 U.S.C.  
20 3122) is amended—

21            (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), and  
22        (10) as paragraphs (9), (10), and (11), respectively;  
23        and

24            (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
25        lowing:

1           “(8) REGIONAL COMMISSIONS.—The term ‘Re-  
2           gional Commissions’ means the following entities:

3                   “(A) The Appalachian Regional Commis-  
4                   sion established under chapter 143 of title 40,  
5                   United States Code.

6                   “(B) The Delta Regional Authority estab-  
7                   lished under subtitle F of the Consolidated  
8                   Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
9                   2009aa et seq).

10                  “(C) The Denali Commission established  
11                  under the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42  
12                  U.S.C. 2131 note; 112 Stat. 2681–637 et seq.).

13                  “(D) The Northern Great Plains Regional  
14                  Authority established under subtitle F of the  
15                  Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act  
16                  (7 U.S.C. 2009bb et seq.).”.

17           (c) UNIVERSITY CENTER.—Section 3 (42 U.S.C.  
18           3122) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19                   “(12) UNIVERSITY CENTER.—The term ‘univer-  
20                   sity center’ means an institution of higher education  
21                   or a consortium of institutions of higher education  
22                   established as a University Center for Economic De-  
23                   velopment under section 207(a)(2)(D).”.

1 **SEC. 103. ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

2 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

3 Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 3131) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (b) by striking “and multi-  
5 State regional organizations” and inserting “multi-  
6 State regional organizations, and nonprofit organiza-  
7 tions”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d)(1) by striking “adjoining”  
9 each place it appears.

10 **SEC. 104. COORDINATION.**

11 Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 3132) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before  
13 “The Secretary”;

14 (2) in subsection (a) (as so designated) by in-  
15 serting “Indian tribes,” after “districts,”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) MEETINGS.—To carry out the responsibilities in  
18 subsection (a), or for any other purpose related to eco-  
19 nomic development activities, the Secretary may convene  
20 meetings with Federal agencies, State and local govern-  
21 ments, economic development districts, Indian tribes, and  
22 other appropriate planning and development organiza-  
23 tions.”.

1 **TITLE II—GRANTS FOR PUBLIC**  
2 **WORKS AND ECONOMIC DE-**  
3 **VELOPMENT**

4 **SEC. 201. GRANTS FOR PLANNING.**

5 Section 203(d) (42 U.S.C. 3143(d)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, to the max-  
7 imum extent practicable,” after “developed” the sec-  
8 ond place it appears;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the  
10 following:

11 “(3) COORDINATION.—Before providing assist-  
12 ance for a State plan under this section, the Sec-  
13 retary shall consider the extent to which the State  
14 will consider local and economic development district  
15 plans.”; and

16 (3) in paragraph (4)—

17 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
18 paragraph (C);

19 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as  
20 subparagraph (E); and

21 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)  
22 the following:

23 “(D) assist in carrying out a State’s work-  
24 force investment strategy; and”.



1 **SEC. 202. COST SHARING.**

2 (a) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 204(a) (42 U.S.C.  
3 3144(a)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(a) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Secretary shall issue  
5 regulations to establish the Federal share of the cost of  
6 projects carried out under this title based on the relative  
7 needs of the areas in which the projects will be located.  
8 Except as provided in subsection (c), the Federal share  
9 of the cost of any project carried out under this title shall  
10 not exceed 80 percent.”.

11 (b) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 204(b) (42  
12 U.S.C. 3144(b)) is amended by inserting “assumptions of  
13 debt,” after “equipment,”.

14 (c) INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 204 (42  
15 U.S.C. 3144) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “(c) INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE.—

18 “(1) INDIAN TRIBES.—In the case of a grant to  
19 an Indian tribe for a project under this title, the  
20 Secretary may increase the Federal share above the  
21 percentage specified in subsection (a) up to 100 per-  
22 cent of the cost of the project.

23 “(2) CERTAIN STATES, POLITICAL SUBDIVI-  
24 SIONS, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—In the  
25 case of a grant to a State, or a political subdivision  
26 of a State, that the Secretary determines has ex-

1       hausted its effective taxing and borrowing capacity,  
 2       or in the case of a grant to a nonprofit organization  
 3       that the Secretary determines has exhausted its ef-  
 4       fective borrowing capacity, the Secretary may in-  
 5       crease the Federal share above the percentage speci-  
 6       fied in subsection (a) up to 100 percent of the cost  
 7       of the project.”.

8   **SEC. 203. SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(b) (42 U.S.C.  
 10 3145(b)) is amended to read as follows:

11       “(b) SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—Subject to sub-  
 12 section (c), in order to assist eligible recipients in taking  
 13 advantage of designated Federal grant programs, on the  
 14 application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may  
 15 make a supplementary grant for a project for which the  
 16 recipient is eligible but for which the recipient cannot pro-  
 17 vide the required non-Federal share because of the recipi-  
 18 ent’s economic situation.”.

19       (b) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SUPPLE-  
 20 MENTARY GRANTS.—Section 205(c) (42 U.S.C. 3145(c))  
 21 is amended—

22               (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-  
 23 serting the following:

24               “(1) AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—

25       The share of the project cost supported by a supple-

mentary grant under this section may not exceed the applicable Federal share under section 204.

“(2) FORM OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make supplementary grants by—

“(A) the payment of funds made available under this Act to the heads of the Federal agencies responsible for carrying out the applicable Federal programs; or

“(B) the award of funds under this Act, which will be combined with funds transferred from other Federal agencies in projects administered by the Secretary.”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (4).

**SEC. 204. REGULATIONS ON RELATIVE NEEDS AND ALLOCATIONS.**

Section 206 (42 U.S.C. 3146) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1)(B);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) grants made under this title promote job creation and will have a high probability of meeting or exceeding applicable performance requirements established in connection with the grants.”.

1 **SEC. 205. GRANTS FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND TECH-**  
2 **NICAL ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
4 3147(a)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
6 graph (F);

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as sub-  
8 paragraph (H); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(G) studies that evaluate the effectiveness  
12 of coordinating projects funded under this Act  
13 with projects funded under other Acts; and”.

14 (b) COOPERATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 207(a)  
15 (42 U.S.C. 3147(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
16 following:

17 “(4) COOPERATION REQUIREMENT.—In the  
18 case of a project assisted under this section that is  
19 national or regional in scope, the Secretary may  
20 waive the provision in section 3(4)(A)(vi) requiring  
21 a nonprofit organization or association to act in co-  
22 operation with officials of a political subdivision of  
23 a State.”.

1 **SEC. 206. PREVENTION OF UNFAIR COMPETITION.**

2 Section 208 (42 U.S.C. 3148), and the item relating  
3 to section 208 in the table of contents contained in section  
4 1(b), are repealed.

5 **SEC. 207. GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.**

6 (a) DIRECT EXPENDITURE OR REDISTRIBUTION BY  
7 RECIPIENT.—Section 209(d) (42 U.S.C. 3149(d)) is  
8 amended by striking “an eligible recipient” each place it  
9 appears and inserting “a recipient”.

10 (b) SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVOLVING  
11 LOAN FUND GRANTS.—Section 209 (42 U.S.C. 3149) is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(e) SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVOLVING  
14 LOAN FUND GRANTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue  
16 regulations to maintain the proper operation and fi-  
17 nancial integrity of revolving loan funds established  
18 by recipients with assistance under this section.

19 “(2) EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-  
20 retary may—

21 “(A) at the request of a grantee, amend  
22 and consolidate grant agreements governing re-  
23 volving loan funds to provide flexibility with re-  
24 spect to lending areas and borrower criteria;

25 “(B) assign or transfer assets of a revolv-  
26 ing loan fund to a third party for the purpose

1 of liquidation, and a third party may retain as-  
 2 sets of the fund to defray costs related to liq-  
 3 uidation; and

4 “(C) take such actions as are appropriate  
 5 to enable revolving loan fund operators to sell  
 6 or securitize loans (except that the actions may  
 7 not include issuance of a Federal guaranty by  
 8 the Secretary).

9 “(3) TREATMENT OF ACTIONS.—An action  
 10 taken by the Secretary under this subsection with  
 11 respect to a revolving loan fund shall not constitute  
 12 a new obligation if all grant funds associated with  
 13 the original grant award have been disbursed to the  
 14 recipient.”.

15 **SEC. 208. USE OF FUNDS IN PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED**  
 16 **UNDER PROJECTED COST.**

17 Section 211 (42 U.S.C. 3151) is amended to read as  
 18 follows:

19 **“SEC. 211. USE OF FUNDS IN PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED**  
 20 **UNDER PROJECTED COST.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a grant to a recipi-  
 22 ent for a construction project under section 201 or 209,  
 23 if the Secretary determines, before closeout of the project,  
 24 that the cost of the project, based on the designs and spec-  
 25 ifications that were the basis of the grant, has decreased

1 because of decreases in costs, the Secretary may approve,  
 2 without further appropriations action, the use of the ex-  
 3 cess funds (or a portion of the excess funds) by the recipi-  
 4 ent to increase the Federal share of the cost of a project  
 5 under this subtitle to the maximum percentage allowable  
 6 under section 204 or to improve the project.

7 “(b) OTHER USES OF EXCESS FUNDS.—Any amount  
 8 of excess funds remaining after application of subsection  
 9 (a) may be used by the Secretary for providing assistance  
 10 under this Act.

11 “(c) TRANSFERRED FUNDS.—In the case of excess  
 12 funds described in subsection (a) in projects utilizing  
 13 funds transferred from other Federal agencies pursuant  
 14 to section 604, the Secretary shall—

15 “(1) utilize the funds in accordance with sub-  
 16 section (a), with the approval of the originating  
 17 agency; or

18 “(2) return the funds to the originating agen-  
 19 cy.”.

20 **SEC. 209. SPECIAL IMPACT AREAS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.)  
 22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 **“SEC. 214. SPECIAL IMPACT AREAS.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On the application of an eligible  
 25 recipient, the Secretary may determine that the recipient

1 is unable to comply with the requirements of section 302  
 2 and designate the area represented by the recipient as a  
 3 special impact area.

4 “(b) WAIVERS.—Subject to the requirements of this  
 5 section, the Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, as  
 6 appropriate, the requirements of section 302 with respect  
 7 to a special impact area designated under subsection (a)  
 8 if the Secretary determines that the waiver will carry out  
 9 the purposes of the Act.

10 “(c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—At least 30  
 11 days before issuing a waiver under this section, the Sec-  
 12 retary shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation  
 13 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and  
 14 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the  
 15 Senate a written notice of the waiver, including a justifica-  
 16 tion for the waiver.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 18 tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by inserting  
 19 after the item relating to section 213 the following:

“Sec. 214. Special impact areas.”.

20 **SEC. 210. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.)  
 22 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

23 **“SEC. 215. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANTS.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a per-  
 25 formance incentive grant in connection with a project



1 grant made, on or after the date of enactment of this sec-  
2 tion, to an eligible recipient under section 201 or 209.

3 “(b) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

4 “(1) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue  
5 regulations to establish performance measures for  
6 making performance incentive grants under sub-  
7 section (a).

8 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing regulations  
9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider in-  
10 cluding performance measures that assess the fol-  
11 lowing factors:

12 “(A) Whether the recipient meets or ex-  
13 ceeds scheduling goals.

14 “(B) Whether the recipient meets or ex-  
15 ceeds job creation goals.

16 “(C) Amounts of private sector capital in-  
17 vestments leveraged.

18 “(D) Such other factors as the Secretary  
19 determines appropriate.

20 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall base  
22 the amount of a performance incentive grant under  
23 subsection (a) on the extent to which a recipient  
24 meets or exceeds performance measures established  
25 in connection with the applicable project grant.

1           “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The amount of a  
2           performance incentive grant may not exceed 10 per-  
3           cent of the amount of the applicable project grant.

4           “(3) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding sec-  
5           tion 204, the amounts of a performance incentive  
6           grant may be used for up to 100 percent of the cost  
7           of an eligible project or activity. For the purposes of  
8           meeting the non-Federal share requirements of this  
9           Act, or any other Act, the amounts of a performance  
10          grant shall be treated as funds from a non-Federal  
11          source.

12          “(d) USE OF PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANTS.—  
13          A recipient of a performance incentive grant under sub-  
14          section (a) may use the grant for any eligible purpose  
15          under this Act, in accordance with section 602 and such  
16          regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

17          “(e) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.— In making perform-  
18          ance incentive grants under subsection (a), the Secretary  
19          shall establish such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
20          considers appropriate.

21          “(f) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall carry out this  
22          section using any amounts made available for economic  
23          development assistance programs.

24          “(g) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary  
25          shall include information regarding the award of perform-

1   ance incentive grants under this section in the annual re-  
 2   port required under section 603.

3       “(h) REVIEW BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

4           “(1) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General shall  
 5       review the implementation of this section in each fis-  
 6       cal year.

7           “(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one  
 8       year after the date of enactment of this section, and  
 9       annually thereafter, the Comptroller General shall  
 10      transmit to the Committee on Transportation and  
 11      Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and  
 12      the Committee on Environment and Public Works of  
 13      the Senate a report on the Comptroller’s findings  
 14      under this subsection.”.

15      (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 16      tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by inserting  
 17      after the item relating to section 214 the following:

    “Sec. 215. performance incentive grants.”.

18   **SEC. 211. SUBGRANTS.**

19      (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.)  
 20      is further amended by adding at the end the following:

21   **“SEC. 216. SUBGRANTS.**

22      “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), a re-  
 23      cipient of a grant under section 201, 203, or 207 may  
 24      directly expend the grant funds or may redistribute the  
 25      funds in the form of a subgrant to other eligible recipients

1 to fund required components of the scope of work ap-  
 2 proved for the project.

3 “(b) LIMITATION.—A recipient may not redistribute  
 4 grant funds received under section 201 or 203 to a for-  
 5 profit entity.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 7 tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by inserting  
 8 after the item relating to section 215 the following:

“Sec. 216. Subgrants.”.

9 **SEC. 212. BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.)  
 11 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

12 **“SEC. 217. BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On the application of a qualified  
 14 eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants under  
 15 sections 201, 203, 207, and 209 for projects to expand,  
 16 redevelop, or reuse brownfield sites.

17 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—Projects carried out under this  
 18 section shall be subject to the limitations of section  
 19 104(k)(4)(B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
 20 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
 21 U.S.C. 9604(k)(4)(B)).

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
 23 definitions apply:

24 “(1) BROWNFIELD SITE.—The term ‘brownfield  
 25 site’ has the meaning given such term in section

1       101(39) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
 2       sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
 3       U.S.C. 9601(39)).

4               “(2) QUALIFIED ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The  
 5       term ‘qualified eligible recipient’ means an eligible  
 6       recipient that meets the definition of ‘eligible entity’  
 7       in section 104(k)(1) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
 8       mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act  
 9       of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(1)).”.

10       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 11       tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by inserting  
 12       after the item relating to section 216 the following:

“Sec. 217. Brownfields redevelopment.”.

13       **SEC. 213. BRIGHTFIELDS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

14       (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.)  
 15       is further amended by adding at the end the following:

16       **“SEC. 218. BRIGHTFIELDS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

17       “(a) IN GENERAL.—On the application of a qualified  
 18       eligible recipient, the Secretary may make a grant for a  
 19       project for the development of brightfield sites if the Sec-  
 20       retary determines that the project will—

21               “(1) utilize solar energy technologies to develop  
 22       abandoned or contaminated sites for commercial use;  
 23       and

24               “(2) improve the commercial and economic op-  
 25       portunities in the area where the project is located.

1       “(b) LIMITATIONS.—Projects carried out under this  
2 section shall be subject to the limitations of section  
3 104(k)(4)(B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
4 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
5 U.S.C. 9604(k)(4)(B)).

6       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
7 definitions apply:

8           “(1) BRIGHTFIELD SITE.—The term  
9 ‘brightfield site’ means a brownfield site (as defined  
10 in section 217) that is redeveloped through the in-  
11 corporation of solar energy technologies.

12           “(2) QUALIFIED ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The  
13 term ‘qualified eligible recipient’ has the meaning  
14 given such term in section 217.

15       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
17 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008.  
18 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

19       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
20 tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by inserting  
21 after the item relating to section 217 the following:

“Sec. 218. Brightfields demonstration program.”.

1 **TITLE III—COMPREHENSIVE**  
 2 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
 3 **STRATEGIES**

4 **SEC. 301. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
 5 **STRATEGIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(a)(3)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
 7 3162(a)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “maximizes effec-  
 8 tive development and use of the workforce consistent with  
 9 any applicable State or local workforce investment strat-  
 10 egy,” after “access,”.

11 (b) APPROVAL OF OTHER PLAN.—Section 302(c) (42  
 12 U.S.C. 3162(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 13 lowing: “To the maximum extent practicable, a plan sub-  
 14 mitted under this paragraph shall be consistent and co-  
 15 ordinated with any existing comprehensive economic devel-  
 16 opment strategy for the area.”.

17 **TITLE IV—ECONOMIC**  
 18 **DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS**

19 **SEC. 401. PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DE-**  
 20 **VELOPMENT STRATEGIES TO REGIONAL**  
 21 **COMMISSIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 (42 U.S.C. 3174) is  
 23 amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 404. PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DE-**  
 2 **VELOPMENT STRATEGIES TO REGIONAL**  
 3 **COMMISSIONS.**

4 “If any part of an economic development district is  
 5 in a region covered by one or more of the Regional Com-  
 6 missions (as defined in section 3), the economic develop-  
 7 ment district shall ensure that a copy of the comprehen-  
 8 sive economic development strategy of the district is pro-  
 9 vided to the affected Regional Commission.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 11 tions contained in section 1(b) is amended by striking the  
 12 item relating to section 404 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 404. Provision of comprehensive economic development strategies to Re-  
 gional Commissions.”.

13 **TITLE V—ADMINISTRATION**

14 **SEC. 501. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION CLEAR-**  
 15 **INGHOUSE.**

16 Section 502 (42 U.S.C. 3192) is amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
 18 following:

19 “(1) maintain a central information clearing-  
 20 house on the Internet with—

21 “(A) information on economic develop-  
 22 ment, economic adjustment, disaster recovery,  
 23 defense conversion, and trade adjustment pro-



1           grams and activities of the Federal Govern-  
2           ment;

3                 “(B) links to State economic development  
4           organizations; and

5                 “(C) links to other appropriate economic  
6           development resources;”;

7           (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
8           (2);

9           (3) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10          graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

11          (4) by adding at the end the following:

12                 “(4) obtain appropriate information from other  
13          Federal agencies needed to carry out the duties  
14          under this Act.”.

15   **SEC. 502. BUSINESSES DESIRING FEDERAL CONTRACTS.**

16          Section 505 (42 U.S.C. 3195), and the item relating  
17          to section 505 in the table of contents contained in section  
18          1(b), are repealed.

19   **SEC. 503. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS OF GRANT RECIPI-**  
20                   **ENTS.**

21          Section 506(c) (42 U.S.C. 3196(c)) is amended by  
22          striking “after the effective date of the Economic Develop-  
23          ment Administration Reform Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 504. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) STANDARDS.—Section 602 (42 U.S.C. 3212) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in the first sentence by striking “in accord-  
5 ance with” and all that follows before the period at  
6 the end and inserting “in accordance with sub-  
7 chapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States  
8 Code”; and

9 (2) in the third sentence by striking “section 2  
10 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C.  
11 276c)” and inserting “section 3145 of title 40,  
12 United States Code”.

13 (b) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—Section 506(d)(2) (42  
14 U.S.C. 3196(d)(2)) is amended by inserting “program  
15 performance,” after “applied research,”.

16 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

17 **SEC. 601. RELATIONSHIP TO ASSISTANCE UNDER OTHER**  
18 **LAW.**

19 Section 609 (42 U.S.C. 3219) is amended—

20 (1) by striking subsection (a); and

21 (2) by striking “(b) ASSISTANCE UNDER  
22 OTHER ACTS.—”.

23 **TITLE VII—FUNDING**

24 **SEC. 701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

25 Section 701 (42 U.S.C. 3231) is amended to read as  
26 follows:

1   **“SEC. 701. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
2                           **TIONS.**

3           “(a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PRO-  
4 GRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for eco-  
5 nomic development assistance programs to carry out this  
6 Act—

7                   “(1) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

8                   “(2) \$425,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;

9                   “(3) \$450,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

10                  “(4) \$475,000,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

11                  “(5) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

12 Such sums shall remain available until expended.

13           “(b) SALARIES AND EXPENSES.—There are author-  
14 ized to be appropriated for salaries and expenses of admin-  
15 istering this Act \$33,377,000 for fiscal year 2004 and  
16 such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year there-  
17 after. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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